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RESOLUTION NO. 83-92

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WHEREAS, the Cities of FRESNO AND CLOVIS are municipal corporations in the State of California incorporated under the laws of said State with CLOVIS functioning under the general laws thereof and FRESNO being a Charter City, and the COUNTY OF FRESNO is a Charter County within the State of California; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the public interest that these three entities work cooperatively and agree to meet at least annually regarding matters related to urban growth and development in the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Cities of Fresno and Clovis and the County of Fresno to administer local governmental services in a prudent and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the three agencies recognize that many of the actions described in this resolution will require amendments to their General Plans and that such amendments will be subject to the required environmental documentation and public hearing processes:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF FRESNO AND THE CITIES OF FRESNO AND CLOVIS AGREE THAT:

1. The Cities of Fresno and Clovis shall prepare General Plan updates for their planning areas within the proposed urban boundary shown on exhibit "A" (hereinafter referred to as the Urban Boundary), and Fresno County shall initiate an amendment to its General Plan to include that Urban Boundary. The final Urban Boundary shall be adopted as part of the required General Plan processes by each jurisdiction.

The Cities of Fresno and Clovis and the County of Fresno do hereby express their intention not to amend the final Urban Boundary unless there is agreement among the affected parties to the change; and

2. The Urban Boundary shall be reviewed and updated a minimum of ten years; and
3. The Cities of Fresno and Clovis and the County of Fresno have the primary responsibility for comprehensive planning within the Urban Boundary and as part of their planning process may choose to designate some areas within the Urban Boundary as appropriate for interim agriculture, rural density, or permanent open space; and
4. The Cities of Fresno and Clovis and the County of Fresno shall recommend to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) that it adopt as its Sphere of Influence Line for the Cities of Fresno and Clovis a line coterminous with the Urban Boundary. Any changes resulting from the plan adoption process shall also be directed to LAFCO for similar action; and
5. The Urban Boundary shall be based on the accommodation of a population of 588,000 persons for the planned urban areas of Fresno and Clovis; and
6. The County of Fresno does hereby initiate for consideration during its first General Plan amendment cycle of 1983, an amendment to its General Plan to revise the Fringe Area Policies to restore the referral policy for the Cities of Fresno and Clovis; and
7. In order to promote increased efficiency and economy in the provision of Urban services and housing opportunity, and to conserve productive agricultural land, the County shall support the City-adopted land use plans within the Urban Boundaries of the Cities of Fresno and Clovis.

The Cities shall continue to make an effort to incorporate Fresno County land use policies for protection of agriculturally related industrial operations at the urban interface; and

9. Until the adoption of General Plan updates by the Cities of Clovis and Fresno, the County of Fresno expresses its intent that all unincorporated areas not designated urban or not having an urban zone

within the Urban Boundary shall be zoned AL-20 by the County of Fresno, and all properties zoned AE-20 shall retain those zones; and

10. The County shall institute procedures to amend the AL-20 zone district to eliminate those uses not compatible with the holding zone concept; and
11. Within the Urban Boundary and two miles beyond, each party to this agreement shall, in the early stages of preparation of land use and circulation proposals and General Plan amendments consult at the staff level in such fashion as to provide meaningful participation in the policy formulation process, and shall likewise consult on other policy changes which may have an impact on growth or the provision of urban services. Those parties shall also be given the opportunity to respond to the jurisdiction proposing the change before the final document is prepared for presentation to the hearing bodies; and
12. After the Cities of Fresno and Clovis adopt updated General Plans, the County shall initiate an amendment to the Fresno County General Plan to provide that the area planned by the Cities of Fresno and Clovis for eventual urban uses and currently designated on the County General Plan as rural residential shall be reserved for urban uses by the County be rezoning to agricultural zone districts. Further, the County hereby expresses its intent not to add additional or expand existing rural residential areas adjacent to the Urban Boundary without concurrence of the affected City; and
13. Within those areas currently designated as Rural Residential in the County General Plan and which fall within the Cities' Urban Boundary general or community plans shall be prepared by the Cities in cooperation with the County which address the retention of rural residential uses and/or the eventual conversion of that land to high density uses; and
14. Urban development and the provision of urban services within the Urban Boundaries shall be the responsibilities of the Cities of Fresno and Clovis; and
15. The County will support urban unification; to this end, the County shall oppose the creation of new governmental entities within the Urban Boundary and will support efforts to consolidate existing special purpose districts; and
16. The County of Fresno shall initiate proceedings to consider the dissolution of those County Water Works Districts for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body that are situated within the Urban Boundary of the City of Fresno to thereby transfer such responsibility of providing water to that City; and
17. The Cities of Fresno and Clovis shall emphasize the inhabited annexation process and shall work with the established neighborhoods to encourage a negotiated unification of the existing urbanized area. Such a program shall stress the clarification and resolution of identified neighborhood concerns; and
18. For all annexations, the Cities of Fresno and Clovis shall provide to the property owners directly affected, an appropriate program which describes the service delivery program and the existing land use plan, including any proposed changes filed with the City or publicly proposed for the neighborhood; and
19. The City of Fresno shall consult with the County of Fresno at the staff level when developing proposed annexation boundaries, and such boundaries shall be configured to create logical annexations; and
20. The City of Fresno shall agree that, when an annexation is based on a County referral, the City will confine its request to that area necessary to establish legally required contiguity, or as required by LAFCO; and
21. The Cities of Fresno and Clovis shall request, jointly with the County, that LAFCO adopt a policy that that body will not consider requests to amend the Sphere of Influence unless the County and appropriate city or cities have agreed to the change; and
22. During the general plan update process the three agencies shall discuss the policy ramifications for major sewer facilities. Following the adoption of the general plans of the Cities of Fresno and Clovis, the two cities shall meet to work out a plan for the financing and construction of the Fowler sewer trunkline system of an alternative means of sewerage the northeastern portion of the planned urban area.

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CITY OF FRESNO URBAN LINE

